

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing amendment, claims 1-5, 12-16, and 32-39 are currently pending in this application. Claims 3, 14 and 34 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 12 and 32 are amended. Claims 37-39 are newly added. Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 3, 14, and 33 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claims 1, 12 and 32 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0097686 to Qui in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0203475 to Gaal, and further in view of admitted prior art.

Claims 1, 12 and 32 are rejected as being unpatentable over European Patent Application No. 0899906 to Balachandran in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,336,629 to Raitola. Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, in order to advance

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prosecution, claims 3, 14, and 34 have been cancelled and claims 1, 12 and 32 have been amended to include all limitations of the claims 3, 14, and 34 respectively.

Claims 2, 4-5; 13, 15-16; and 33, 35-36 are dependent upon claims 1, 12, and 32 respectively, and the Applicant believe these claims are allowable over the cited references of record for the same reasons provided above.

Based on the arguments presented above, withdrawal of the 35 § 103(a) rejection of claims 1-2, 4-5, 12-13, 15-16, and 32-33, 35-36 is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephonic interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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